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S E C R E T SINGAPORE 3898

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: SREF, SN (IGOR PAULOVICH STEPANOV)
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REFS: A. MANILA 12611; B. STATE 213641; C. SINGAPORE 3897

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES STEPANOV SHOULD BE EVACUATED WITH GREATEST POSSIBLE SPEED. EVACUATION BY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT WOULD INVOLVE DELAY OF MORE THAN 24 HOURS AS FIRST US CARRIER OUT OF SINGAPORE IS PANAM DEPARTING 1330 ON 10 SEPTEMBER AND STEPANOV SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED OUT ONLY ON US CARRIER. MOREOVER THERE IS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY SOVIETS MAY BE LOOKING FOR STEPANOV AT SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND, UPON SEEING HIM COULD CREATE A MOST UNPLEASANT INCIDENT FOR ALL CONCERNED.

2. AS MAC C-141 FLIGHT FROM CLARK AIR BASE SHOULD BE LANDING HERE WITHIN THE HOUR AND IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO CLARK ABOUT 1330 TODAY, THIS FLIGHT APPEARS TO OFFER BEST SOLUTION.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOTIFIED GOS, THROUGH S.R. NATHAN, OF FACTS OF STEPANOV CASE AND THAT WE WILL MOVE STEPANOV OUT OF SINGAPORE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. WE SPECIFICALLY NOTED DESIRED USE OF C-141 AIRCRAFT. NATHAN MUST SEEK APPROVAL OF MINDEF DR. GOH BUT ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM.

4. REF A SUGGESTION ON REROUTING AIRCRAFT TO GUAM IS EXCELLENT SUGGESTION. EMBASSY SINGAPORE CONCURS.
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5. IN ORDER REROUTE AIRCRAFT DIRECT SINGAPORE TO GUAM, US AIR FORCE AUTHORIZATION WILL BE REQUIRED. REQUEST SPECIFIC AUTHORITY BE SENT EMBASSY SINGAPORE MOST EXPEDITIOUSLY TO PASS TO C-141 AIRCRAFT COMMANDER.

6. CONCURRENT WITH AUTHORIZATION TO FLY AIRCRAFT TO GUAM, REQUEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN GUAM BE ALERTED AND TASKED WITH RECEPTION/ONWARD TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS. HOLDRIDGE

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